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**STATEMENT OF COMMON OWNERSHIP**

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Adan Ayala

Dear Sir:

The present application identified above was owned at the time the invention of the  
present application by Delta International Machinery Corp., a subsidiary of Pentair Inc.  
Similarly, US Published Application No. 2002/0174755 ("Behne") was owned at the time the  
invention of the present application by Porter-Cable Corp., a subsidiary of Pentair Inc.  
Accordingly, both the present application and Behne were ultimately commonly owned by  
Pentair Inc. at the time the invention of the present application.

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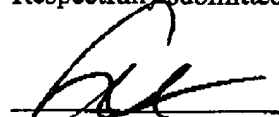
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Furthermore, both the present application and Behne have been assigned to and are presently commonly owned by Black & Decker Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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